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## FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

By Theresa McFeeley

Leaving Saint Joseph's College after four years of hard work, good times, and friendships with both faculty and students can be very difficult. It is a time to look with hope to the future, but also a time to feel sad about letting go of the past.

This is exactly how Debbie DeJohn, Director of Counseling and Career Services feels since she has decided to accept a new position at the New York University Medical Center's Risk Institute for Rehabilitation Medicine.

Debbie, who has her Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling from St. John's University, first became interested in this line of work when she did her internship in Art Therapy for the Disabled. Her new position will be in the "school to work" program with disabled young adults.

This will involve testing and evaluating the individual's skills and interests, exploring possible careers, and personal counseling. She states, "It's what I've always wanted to pursue, and is a very good career move. There was no way to say no."

Debbie explains that even though this seems like a perfect opportunity, she would have at least liked to finish out the year here at the College. This is partially due to the fact that she feels very close to the senior class. She admits, "I have a special fondness for the graduating class because I took over the job when they were freshmen, and I feel I've grown with them; I've been with them every step of the way."

Even though Debbie will not be finishing out the year, she will be attending graduation. She would also like all seniors to know that

if they should need any career advice, she will be available.

Filomena Scibelli remembers, "since orientation she has been right here; her door is always open." It seems as if her little office on the second floor has been frequented over the years almost as much as the rec room or cafeteria. This desire to help students, has made Debbie very popular around school.

Tricia O'Donnell, who has worked with Debbie since her freshman year, explains, "she always tried to get involved. I was so impressed with her dedication to the students."

Now as Debbie prepares to leave, she's beginning to feel just like a senior before graduation. She's looking forward to the challenges of her new job, but she's finding it difficult to say goodbye to St. Joe's. She says, "every time you make



a move, especially from a place where people weren't just co-workers but friends, and where students are warm and kind, it's difficult to leave that place behind."

Well, this is a place that will now be a little less warm and kind with the departure of Debbie DeJohn, but we wish her nothing but the best for the future.



## A CHALLENGE FOR THE CHAPEL PLAYERS

The Chapel Players begin the season in "dramatic fashion" as they take on "Dangerous Liaisons." The Christopher Hampton play is based on the novel which is set in the 18th Century in France. With a story full of sub-plots and psychological subtleties, it will prove to be a true test for the relatively new group of actors and actresses.

The play is centered around two French aristocrats, the Marquis Mortuil and Valmont, and the sexual and psychological game they play. It is a game that draws in many players and ripples through many lives. It is also a period piece.

Does its size and need for authenticity trouble the cast?

"No," says Special Assistant Paul Kelly, "because in the end it is an intimate tale of a battle of the sexes." The play is once again being directed by Doc Radus and is headlined by Michael Keenan as Valmont, and Kellie Slack as Mortuil.

"The play was picked for its intrigue and the players' desire to do a drama after successfully

performing two comedies," states Kellie.

The play is tentatively set for mid-November and is running on schedule. Look for signs on the bulletin boards for ticket and time information in the next few weeks. Come out and support your fellow students in this challenging test of acting ability.

By John Fitzgerald



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It amazes me that such a small private college as SJC generates so little school spirit. As a freshman coming from a high school with over 5,000 students I'm surprised that SJC with about 300 students, doesn't have enough school spirit to stick to their school colors.

I'm by no means demeaning SJC, because I have really come to love the campus with its great faculty and friendly students. Yet, the lack of school spirit is disheartening.

My hope is that by writing this letter students will come to appreciate the microcosm that St. Joseph's is, and will take more time to join activities and motivate our school government to flash our school colors over the whole metropolitan area.

That's right—our white and yellow emblem in t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, bags and so on.

I feel that once the student body feels united, one's outlook on life will be brighter. Thank You.

Always Hopeful

### F.Y.I.

Final balances for rings already ordered are due on November 20 in Room 101, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Only cash or checks will be accepted as final payment.

## BUY, BUY!!

The SJC Boutique is now selling oversized t-shirts bearing an SJC logo in peach and sea green for the low, low price of \$12. Get 'em while they last!! Quantities are limited!!!

The Boutique, which is located in Room 101, also carries a full line of t-shirts, and sweatshirts, in an array of colors and sizes.

One of the fresh new faces at Senate this year belongs to Chris Kaiser, the newly elected Freshman Representative. A graduate of Archbishop Molloy High School and a resident of Maspeth, Queens, Chris was actively involved on the track team, placing fifth in the New York State Championships. Here is an interview with the new Freshman Rep:

Interviewer: Why did you run for Freshman Representative?

C.K.: "I never ran for anything before in my life. I wanted to make my mark early and get involved as soon as possible. I really ran for the Freshman class, not for myself, because I think it's important for the Freshman to be heard."

Interviewer: You won by 60% of the vote. How does that make you feel?

C.K.: "Surprised. Very surprised. It makes me feel good. Now I feel accepted by my classmates. This has given me a boost—this school has been the best thing for my self-confidence. I also feel that my other classmates who ran against me were also very qualified for the job."



Another new arrival to the Boutique is t-shirts in a lovely shade of purple for only \$8. The Boutique also sells jackets, water bottles, key chains, and mugs.

The prices are reasonable, so why not add some SJC originals to your wardrobe? It's one sure way to show your school spirit!!

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

By Danielle Janusz

Interviewer: Your main responsibility is to help run "101 Nights" for the Seniors. Do you have any ideas of what you would like to do?

C.K.: "I just want to get involved in more extracurricular activities. Being on Senate is a good way to do that. I would also like to get involved in recruiting for the school. And I've already started working on "101 Nights", so I want the Seniors to know that we're going to do a great job for them!"

Interviewer: So how do you like St. Joseph's College so far?

C.K.: "It's quaint. It's small and homey, and feels like Christmas holidays since I got here. People are friendly and smiling and accepting of different kinds of people. I feel very comfortable here, and I'm glad I came here."

Other new faces among Senate this semester include: Glen Casey, Fran Failla, Irene Katsiotis, Brian Lydting, Denise McFeeley, Theresa McFeeley, Christine Meagher, John Ravalli, and Matthew Regan. Welcome senators, and have a good year!

## TO LAUGH OR NOT TO LAUGH...

By John Fitzgerald

The U.A. is sponsoring another game show, "We Can Make You Laugh," from the same company that gave us last year's hit "Blizzard of Bucks."

"We Can Make You Laugh" is two hours of fun, with the first hour composed of three comedians and their standup routines. The second hour will be when contestants are called up to the stage for a "test." For two minutes the comedians try to make the contestant laugh. If you do laugh, you lose. If you can keep a straight face you will win \$25 and a t-shirt.

November 28 is a special day. Students will register for next term's courses, and the crew of the show are coming early to entertain the students and alleviate the dull process of registering.

The evening begins with dinner at six o'clock, and the show beginning at seven. Filomena Scibelli, President of the U.A., says "The Blizzard of Bucks was a lot of fun and a great success. I predict that the new show will be even better."

So remember, Friday, November 28: dinner at 6:00, and the show at 7:00.

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# "WHO SAYS COLLEGE CAMPUSES ARE SAFE?"

By Debbie Kramer

At the University of California at Berkeley in 1987, a gang of teens police call a "rat pack" followed three students to their dormitory. Words

were exchanged, and a pack member suddenly smashed the face of a female student with a brick.

Despite the idyllic images college brochures present, violence is a fact of life on the nation's campuses. Last year colleges reported to the FBI a total of 1,990 violent crimes—robbery, aggravated assault, rape and murder. This number is startling, considering the fact that almost 90% of U.S. colleges do not report crime statistics.

Although these figures seem more geared toward schools with dorms, I think all colleges should be aware of the problem of violence on campus, and should be prepared to prevent such crimes, or at least become aware of how to prevent these crimes. This knowledge can be obtained through the

steps outlined in a recent Reader's Digest publication which offered these suggestions to help control violence on campus:

Remain alert while walking on campus, and travel in pairs during the late hours of the day.

Improve lighting on the surrounding areas of the school, especially in shadowy places which offer hiding places for muggers, rapists, and robbers.

## SORRY...

The Dude Ranch Trip sponsored by Special Programs has been cancelled. Check out the bulletin boards for announcements of future trips.

Fight rape with education. If a woman can recognize a potential danger, then she is better able to avoid an attack.

Pratt's newspaper, "The Prattler," in a recent issue, cited 19 criminal acts in the area between June 20th and September 19th. Over this four month period the crimes reported included muggings, robberies, theft, and harassment.

The muggings involved being held at gunpoint, knife-point, and physical aggression. One fact common to these crimes was that all the victims

were approached from behind, while walking on the street, or entering or exiting the train station. In one case, the victim was punched in the face, and then robbed.

The reason for bringing these facts to the attention of the SJC community, is to hopefully convince our students and faculty, to be careful, and very aware while walking in the area. Just because it is the middle of the afternoon, does not guarantee your safety.

The only feasible advice that could be given, is to be aware of your surroundings, and when possible, look behind you to make sure you are not being followed. If you are ever in a situation which could be potentially dangerous, usually giving up your money or valuables is your smartest and safest move.

You will not be a victim if you are conscious and aware of the crime problem.

Excerpted from Reader's Digest, October 1989.



## collegiate camouflage

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Can you find the hidden college courses?

ACCOUNTING  
ANATOMY  
ANTHROPOLOGY  
ART  
BIO-SCI  
BOTANY  
CALCULUS  
CHEMISTRY  
DANCE  
ECONOMICS  
FINANCE  
GEOLOGY  
HISTORY  
LAW

LINGUISTICS  
LITERATURE  
LOGIC  
MATH  
MUSIC  
PHYSICS  
PSYCHOLOGY  
RELIGION  
RUSSIAN  
SPANISH  
SPEECH  
THEATRE  
ZOOLOGY

## CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENT

On Friday, November 30 at 7 p.m. the Junior Class will celebrate their achievements at a ceremony which includes the blessing and distribution of rings. Kimberly McGinn, Junior Class Rep, is coordinating the event.

Class night marks a milestone for those students who have reached the point where graduation is in sight. The ring symbolizes a bonding to SJC and its traditions.

Invitations will be sent to parents and friends. If you would like to serve on the committee, please get on touch with Kim. Seniors who are receiving rings are also invited to participate.

## THE CRUNCH IS ON!!

By Adriana Tomasino

The Freshman-Sophomore Crunch Lunch was created about four years ago as part of the on-going orientation program. The lunch helps to introduce the freshman to the sophomores, and it also allows freshmen the chance to benefit from the knowledge and wisdom of the upperclassmen and the faculty.

Both students and faculty will be on hand to offer guidance, and advice on how to cope with the "crunch" that usually plagues students during mid-semester.

The "Crunch Lunch" will take place during Common Hour on October 31, and all freshmen and sophomores are encouraged to attend.



## CRITICS CORNER

Reviews by: Paul Kelly  
Margaret Drozdowski  
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### "GOODFELLAS"

\*\*\*\* Henry Hill (Ray Liotta) starts out a young boy wanting nothing but to be a gangster. Living in East New York, the "Mob Capital of New York," made it easy. This original script by Nicholas Pileggi and Martin Scorsese vividly illustrates the day to day lives of mobsters. Their lives are filled with blood, money, drugs, love affairs, and glory.

The story line has both a humorous and unpredictable twist to it. Put all these ingredients together and, in my opinion, you have one of the hit movies of the year. This picture will definitely keep you on the edge of your seat.

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\*\*\*\* Martin Scorsese's newest film is a masterpiece of street life. It features Robert De Niro, whose talent is inestimable, as Jimmy Conway, and Ray Liotta and Joe Pesci in Oscar caliber performances as "Wise Guys" who grew up together in the mob. This movie is a "must see."

PK

### "PACIFIC HEIGHTS"

A Bomb---With a cast consisting of Michael Keaton, Melanie Griffith and Matthew Modine, you would think that the producers of "Pacific Heights" would have come up with a decent thriller. But nooooo. Instead we get Modine and

Griffith who are the stupidest couple in screen history. You almost want Keaton to kill them early on so that the real hero can take on Keaton. Unfortunately, all we get are moron yuppies and a subdued maniac. Don't waste your time or money on this one.

PK

### "DON'T TELL HER IT'S ME"

"Don't Tell Her It's Me" stars Steve Guttenberg as Gus, who desperately wants to change himself into his sister's version of the "perfect man" so he will be noticed by the woman he loves.

The time spent transforming Gus into his new identity drags on too long. But once he becomes 'Lobo Murunga', the mysterious illegal alien, the movie is hilarious. Shelley Long upstages the other actors as the meddling sister.

If you want to laugh, but don't mind an unrealistic movie (check out the film's version of the price of gas), then this is the movie for you.

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## TRICK OR TREAT!



The SPIRIT will be raffling off two giant pumpkins filled with gum, candy, chocolate, and all kinds of goodies, for Halloween, starting on Friday, October 26.

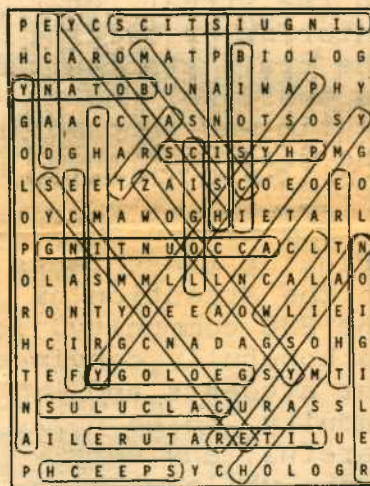
See any member of the SPIRIT, or come to Room 101, to take a chance on winning the answer to your sweet tooth.

The drawing will be held on Wednesday, October 31 in Room 101, at 2:00.

## FACULTY FRESHMEN

Among the many new faculty members St. Joseph's has welcomed this semester, the SPIRIT would like to introduce you to some of them. We wish the following the best of luck at SJC: Dr. Judy Ashley, to the Fine Arts Department, Mr. Jeffrey Sequeira to the Science/Biology Department, and Ida Corveno Miletich to the Language Department.

New part-time faculty include Dennis Alfredo-Accounting, Miles Groth-Psychology, Maria Hartman-Speech, Margaret Minson-Child Study, S. Maria Pascuzzi-Religious Studies, S. Linda Pero-Education, Dr. Mohammad A. Rana-Biology.



## FRESHMEN DAZE!

By Temitope Fasoye

It's not easy choosing a college these days, due in part to all the choices that are available: large, small, public, private, living at home, or in a dorm. That is what open houses are for, to help the students get a feel of what they can look forward to.

St. Joseph's will be holding its Annual Open House on Sunday, November 11, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The general focus of SJC's open house will be to show prospective students a little bit of college life.

Mr. Angelo Araimo, Director of Admissions, has lined up 50 schools. "We look forward to greeting as many students as possible," stated Mr. Araimo.

The program of the day will include SJC hopefuls touring the campus, meeting with faculty, and talking with students.



## A BEWITCHING EVENT

By Temitope Fasoye

Ghosts, Goblins, Witches, and Warlocks... What do all of these have in common? They are invited to St. Joe's Halloween Mixer.

The Science Club and the Gaelic Society will be hosting this year's party on Friday, November 2, with the frightening fun beginning at 8:00.

As usual, the "fright night" will be over at the witching hour, but not before cash prizes for best costume are awarded.

So, come dressed as your favorite vampire, witch, or teacher, and you may walk away with some cash.

Kathleen Barrett, and Bridget McLaughlin, the respective presidents of the Science Club, and the Gaelic Society, hope to earn enough money from ticket sales to be able to donate some of it to charity.

"We want people to come and have fun. There will be a D.J., food, and prizes for best costume," comments Kathleen.

Look for signs about ticket prices, or see Kathleen or Bridget for more info. Put on your best costume or mask, and get ready to scare the life out of your fellow students on November 2!!